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## MODEL TRAINS

Members of the Greater Niagara Model Railroad Engineers have spent thousands of hours perfecting their scenery and train operations.

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## CANCER: Funds raised for prostate research

## Teachers sport Movember look

WAYNE CAMPBELL  
PelhamNEWS Staff

PELHAM — Students of Glyn A. Green are grading male teachers on their mustaches.

"They're following a poster of mustache styles and even using new report card terms," said principal Sandy Giancarlo.

He is one of 10 male staff members taking part in Movember. They are part of a 23-member team including parents and friends.

On Nov. 1, they shaved themselves clean and started growing a mustache to raise money for Prostate Cancer Canada.

Team leader Todd L'Ecuyer not only shaved off his stubble, he took off a beard he has worn since college.

"I look like I did when I was a 15-year-old student," he said.

Terry Rigg said he has had reaction to his new growth.

"My wife hates the mustache," he said. "Generally, the wives don't like it very much."

But the prostate cancer promotion is paying off.

"I'm expected to raise a few hundred dollars," said L'Ecuyer said Friday. "But I just checked and we have \$1,370 so far."

The group will continue to grow their mustaches and collect money until Nov. 30.

Some will try to match one of the 10 styles on a Movember poster



Staff at Glyn A. Green Public School are among 23 men growing mustaches for Movember, a fundraiser for Prostate Cancer Canada. From left front are Shawn Haining, Terry Rigg and Sandy Giancarlo, while in back are Brendan Salmon, Todd L'Ecuyer, Aaron Baldwin, Adam Cross and Brian Mako.

including the boxcar, the wispy, the undercover brother or the trucker.

"You really want to be Lanny McDonald," said Rigg about the

retired Calgary Flames hockey player with a massive red mustache.

The students are giving their teachers thumbs up or thumbs

down on whether they were reaching their goal.

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## ■ RECREATION: O'Reilly's links Pelham and Wainfleet

### Cyclists welcome new bridge

KAESHA FORAND  
PelhamNEWS Staff

PELHAM — Paved shoulders on O'Reilly's Bridge give members of the Niagara Freewheelers Bicycle Touring Club something to smile about.

Saturday, more than 40 cyclists utilized the bridge each of their 70-kilometre cycling route and it's the day John Swart has been anxiously awaiting.

The new \$2.8-million bridge opened last Friday at 5 p.m.

During their official cycling season, the 316-member touring club rides from March 15 to Oct. 31.

During the off-season, members gather under the Winter Fanatics name and tackle routes ranging from 40 to 70 kilometres.

#### ■ MOVEMBER

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There are rules. No beads or games and "each Mo Bro must conduct himself like that of a true gentleman."

November is a national campaign by Prostate Cancer Canada that has



Members of the Freewheelers Bicycle Touring Club, including Tony Vandenberg, left, and John Swart, were eagerly anticipating the opening of the O'Reilly's Road Bridge which makes their 40- to 70-kilometre cycling trips easier and safer.

In a 70-kilometre circuit, they begin at the Pelham Arena, go to Lowbanks, stop for coffee in Port Colborne and make their way back to Pelham.

Since the bridge's closure in January 2009, the crew has cycled an extra five kilometres each way to cross the Regional Road 24 to go back to Pelham.

"It's really crucial. We are a regional club and this allows the Welland and Fonthill riders to stay out of urban areas," Swart said of the bridge. "This is spectacular,

we have paved shoulders." Their riders range in age from 40 to 88 and the added safety of paved shoulders for cyclists and pedestrians gives the cyclists an extra safety buffer from cars.

With the old one-lane O'Reilly's Bridge cyclists had to be more cautious because cars coming from the opposite side couldn't see them coming.

O'Reilly's is the only crossing between Beckett's Bridge on Regional Rd. 24 and the Webber Rd.-Lincoln St. crossing in Welland.

He joined his fellow NDP members doing it with NDP leader Jack Layton, who is fighting off prostate cancer.

Prostate Cancer Canada ([www.prostatecancer.ca](http://www.prostatecancer.ca)) uses the Movember funds to develop programs of awareness, public educa-

## ■ CONSTRUCTION: Monument will tell story of former crossings

### O'Reilly's Bridge reopens

PelhamNEWS Staff

PELHAM — A reconstructed O'Reilly's Bridge re-opened Friday after an almost two-year closure.

The former one lane iron-framed bridge linking Wainfleet and Pelham across the Welland River was replaced with an \$2.8 million open two-lane bridge.

Work will continue for a few more weeks, said Jason Marr, who is supervising the project for Niagara Region. The contractor will keep one lane open and direct traffic around the crew.

Marr said there was a bit of a delay in the completion of the bridge because of weather and unforeseen problems.

"The contractor worked overtime the past few weeks to get it done," Marr said. "It opened a week later than anticipated at the beginning of the contract."

Touch up work and some landscaping will be done over the next few weeks with more completed in the spring.

Reconstruction work will be done at the corner of River Rd. and Effingham St. to deal with erosion problems, he said.

"I'm happy with it," Marr said. "The bridge really looks great."

Along River Rd. on the west side of O'Reilly's Bridge is monument made of parts of the old iron bridge.

It will have plaques explaining the historic significance of the bridge and earlier ones that crossed the Welland River at that point.

O'Reilly's Bridge near the Niagara Central Airport is the only crossing between Beckett's Bridge on Regional Rd. 24 and the Webber Rd.-Lincoln St. crossing in Welland.

At the end of March, in a spectacular lift, a crane raised the 40-ton iron-framed structure, off its moorings and moved it to the river bank.

Crews dismantled the frame, built in the early 1980s.

On it Niagara Region, which owns the bridge, will tell the

story of various bridges that crossed the river this point along the Welland River.

The new \$2.8 million flat bridge with a centre support. The old bridge had an open span across the water.

Unlike the narrow, one-lane frame bridge, the new bridge has two lanes with cycling and pedestrian pathways. It also has decorative siding to celebrate the bridge's historical significance.

The Niagara Region awarded \$2.8 million contracts for construction, planning and supervision to Brennan Paving Ltd. of the Miller Group, McCormick Rankin Corp. and Ellis Engineering.

In the spring, about \$500,000 worth of approach-road work and landscaping will be done.

Niagara Region closed the old O'Reilly's bridge in January 2009 because of safety concerns.

A date for an official dedication of the bridge has not yet been set.

of survival, he said.

The school has donation boxes available in its main office and donations can be made during through <http://ca.movember.com>.

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## Raising awareness and funds to combat prostate cancer

gained wider attention this year with groups such as firefighters, police and office workers forming teams.

Members of Parliament, including Welland MP Malcolm Allen, a Pelham resident, have formed a team.

research into the prevention, detection, treatment and cure of prostate cancer.

Each year 4,400 men die of prostate cancer in Canada and one in six men will be diagnosed during his lifetime, says the agency.

L'Eucyer said the teachers and the school are having a lot of fun with Movember but if it encourages more men to get prostate tests then it will be well worth it.

The earlier it is found then the better the chances

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■ MODEL TRAIN SHOW: Engineers on a small scale

## 'A lot of kids don't want to leave'



KAESHA FORAND Staff Photo

Trevor Blaszyński admired trains with his grandfathers Steve Kapogines, at left, and John Blaszyński.

KAESHA FORAND  
PelhamNEWS Staff

Members of the Greater Niagara Model Railroad Engineers have spent thousands of hours perfecting their scenery and train operations.

For two weekends during the year they open their doors to the public and showcase their projects, which can be better described as works of art.

This weekend, more than 250 people made their way to the small white building to admire their work as the trains made their way through the miniature towns.

Member Richard Pengelly said a lot of people don't know the 18-member group exists, so the open house weekends give them the opportunity to showcase the

hobby they work on every Wednesday.

It's taken them 25 years to create their scenery and the newest piece of work Jonestown, and children and the young at heart enjoyed the demonstrations as members took their trains for rides around the small towns.

"A lot of kids don't want to leave," he said of their excitement.

Each display is intricate with every small detail taken into consideration. Homes, people, trees and train stations are all built to a

It's on a 1-to-87 scale and the trains are powered by direct current.

Some trains belong to the club while others belong to their owners who bring them out for the open house.

Pengelly said some members prefer to work with the

trains, while he enjoys crafting the scenery.

"I don't care whether I run a train or not, I like the scenery and each one of us has a skill."

Visitors included Tara Blaszyński, husband John and two-year-old Trevor who was very excited to see the trains.

"Trevor loves trains, he's a train fanatic," she said, noting they came from Vineland to see the exhibit. "He's been talking about it all day."

John said his son noticed the small details, like cars parked around a garage and an airplane in a tree.

"I think it's awesome and I can't believe the attention to detail. Every scene has a story."

The event also drew Murray Mathews who brought his grandson Jake



KAESHA FORAND Staff Photo

Miniature trains and their surroundings were the centre of attention this past weekend during the model railroad open house. The event continues on Nov. 20 and 21 from noon to 4 p.m., at 1141 Maple St., in Fenwick.

Djokic. It was Jake's second time visiting the open house and he was mesmerized with the little town.

"I like all the trains and it's a cute little town."

The railroad engineer open houses continue on Saturday Nov. 20 and Sunday Nov. 21 from noon to 4:30 p.m.

The club accepts donations at the door and the facility at 1141 Maple St., in Fenwick is not wheelchair accessible.

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KAESHA FORAND Staff Photo  
Jake Djokic and his grandfather Murray Mathews admire trains Sunday during the Greater Niagara Model Railroad Engineers model railroad open house held in Fenwick.



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## perspective



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## Food banks a blight

Food banks are annoying blight on our society.

During a recession in the early 1980s, they sprung up as a temporary measure to carry individuals and families through a crisis. You'd think they'd have waned up with their business by now. However, almost 30 years later they are still there. What's worse, their client list is growing.

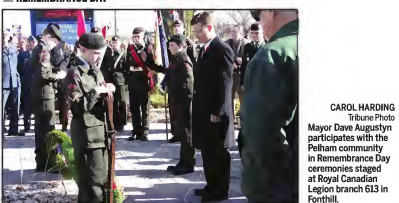
In a report earlier this week, Food Banks Canada put out a report saying almost 900,000 Canadians received help from food banks in March 2010, an increase of 3.2% from March 2009 and 28% higher than March 2008. The story gets more annoying when you consider 38% of those assisted are children and youth under 18.

The national figures are not out of line with what you hear from those who operate food banks in Pelham and Niagara. Pelham Cares, Port Cares and the Open Arms Mission in Welland will tell you they've seen a steady increase in people coming to their food banks. Some of it is the effect of families shutting down in the recession. Severance pay and employment insurance have run out. Individuals and families are down to social assistance. Some in the food bank lineups are those who got jobs. But they are minimum wage part-time jobs to replace full-time good paying jobs.

In both cases increasing household expenses are eating away at what money they have. Frankly, the necessity of food banks in our society should be a red flag. What no one is talking about is how to keep "hard working families" from joining food bank lineups.

No one is anyone advocating policies to remove the necessity of food banks. We need support systems to ensure children don't go hungry when heating and electric bills rise or when charitable contributions all sort of demand. The existence of food banks is a national embarrassment.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY



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Mayor Dave Augustyn participates with the Pelham community in Remembrance Day ceremonies staged at Royal Canadian Legion branch 613 in Fonthill.

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## Transition to a new town council

I thought you might be wondering about what's happening during this transition period between the old and new town councils?

As a result of the municipal election on Oct. 25, our new council includes three new members — Gary Accursi, Larry Clark, and Catherine King — and three returning councillors — John Duxley, Peter Papp, and Debbie Urbanowicz — and myself.

Shortly after the election I met personally with each councillor-elect.

We spoke about the transition period, ideas for the new term, and the opportunities Councilors have to serve on various town committees or boards — like the Active Transportation Committee or Pelham Public Library Board.

Over the next couple of weeks, council will get together socially. Staff will host a coffee break to meet the new council next week.



Dave Augustyn  
MAYORAL VIEW

Then, as is a tradition in Pelham, council will meet socially with department heads prior to Christmas as well as participate in the staff Christmas party. Council itself will also meet socially over the coming weeks so we can get to know each other as a group.

But, the transition will include much work, too. Prior to the new term, councillors-elect will participate in an orientation session to learn about all facets of the town's services — from planning to bylaws, from fire to libraries, and from roads to parks.

We will review the conflict of interest rules, the procedures used during council meetings, and the recently approved

councillor's code of conduct.

Your new council will officially make our "Declaration of Office" at our inaugural meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 1 from 7 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, Fonthill.

This special meeting will officially begin the public service of your council. All are welcome; please join us!

On Monday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m., at the council chambers, your new council wants to hear from you with ideas and suggestions about what we should include in the 2011 town budget.

All are welcome to this public meeting.

We will hold our first official council and general committee meeting on Monday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. in the council chambers.

Then, council and general committee meetings will continue on the first and third Mondays of each month beginning on Jan. 17.

see AUGUSTYN A5

## Get the most out of the male attention span

The last word a man hears in a sentence is "because."

It is possibly the last word that a man is even capable of hearing.

Scientific studies have shown that the average male mind is able to process, with 100% efficiency, two words at a time, three including his own name. Einstein, it is said, could do four, but they had to be in German.



Annie Dyker

So, in a pickup hockey game, if player A yells "pass me the puck" to his teammate, he has already overcrowded his sentence, and left himself with only a 50% chance of getting the object of his affection.

"With you, Johnny" is good. It's short and makes use of his name, one of the few words that have been shown to actually increase Johnny's attention span. "Hey John!" — better yet. Just plain "John!" Now you're getting there. But the best approach is to simply bang your stick on the ice. Zero words. That's the perfect amount for the male mind.

If the player who wants the puck engages in anything more than absolutely necessary, even that one tiny extraneous, the level of diminishing returns sets in, and the moment is lost forever.

There is a lesson here for the workfolk of the world. That lesson is, if you want your husband to do something for you, be very succinct. Don't explain. The more you do that, the more he will lose focus, and forget the beginning of the sentence.

Always open with the use of his name, or any other personal term of endearment, such as "Honey" or "Sweetie," gently and tenderly spoken. This makes him feel loved and wanted, and makes him want to take in as much as possible. It might buy you one extra word.

Step two: Make the request in an excessively warm and affectionate manner, all the time maintaining a sweet and sincere smile.

see DYKER A8

# what a night!

BROWNLYN LANE  
For PelhamNEWS

As expected, the turnout of talented musicians and performers to second Women's Open Mic Entertainment Night held last night at Cafe On Main, 1455 Pelham St., Fonthill, was standing room only.

It was the case last month as the official launch party hosted by Fonthill's music educator, director and performer, Lindsey Mills.

The Women's Open Mic Entertainment Night, aka W.O.M.E.N., was created by Lindsey Mills and Brownlyn Lane this past summer after much dialogue over the lack of visible female musicians and performers represented in the Niagara Peninsula.

As a successful, professional musician, Lindsey observed first hand the glaring absence of women in the performing genre and, being the exception rather than the rule, as a female musician she wanted to create a "Women's Open Mic Entertainment Night...an evening of song and word for women who use an instrument, singers, songwriters, poets, stand-up comedians, and performers of originals, covers and/or revised tunes welcome".

The Cafe On Main cafe and wine bar provided the physical space while serving a variety of tasty food and beverages to the packed house.

Rosemary Cote\* started the open mic session with "Songbird" with her pleasant, singing vocals and seamless guitar picking followed by "The Jelly Bean Song" an audience participation tune further augmented by superb backup vocals courtesy of Linda Bover and Lindsey Mills.

Joanne Spence went up next playing two alter songs entertaining and sometimes thought provoking ballads, utilizing her steady voice and plucking her strings to get her message across to the listeners.

Jade Wallace stepped up next to the stage and did a fine job on guitar and vocals performing The Great Lake Swimmers' "Your Rocky Swimmers" and another tune that I did not get the name of but

remember some fine falsetto throughout.

Switching places with Jade was Emma Spence putting forth infectious vocals and spunky ukulele to "Alas I Cannot Swim" by Lora Marley. Jill McIntosh came up after Emma with a therapeutic tribute to her late mom (sorry didn't get the song title), as an enthusiastic guitarist and energetic vocalist, Jill put in a heady performance.

Jill's cover of Neil Young's "Lotta Love" weren't too shabby either. Karl V came up for one number, Harry Chapin's "All My Life Is A Circle" with a little help from Lindsey Mills' backup harmony and 12 string Ovation guitar (Karl is more at home behind a drum kit so it is always a pleasure to hear her sing).

Yours truly traded places with Karl V and gave the keyboard a good workout with "In The Mood" followed by an Elton John melody the title of which I have long forgotten! All the way from "The Hammer" (Hamilton) ... Twinnny Jayde (guitar and lead vocals) her daughter Jasmine Graham (bass and backup vocals) gave all a multifarious rendition of the Eagles' "Peaceful Easy Feeling" finishing with a bluesy rock groove to Jasmine's full throttle bass line and Twinnny's buoyant guitar licks.

Next up the Gravelly Girls (aka Linda Bover, Putzy Madronich and Jenny Madronich) sang an a cappella version of "The Spirit" resulting in a spirited blend of their 3 voices.

Next, Linda Bover played keyboards and sang backup harmony with Jenny Madronich belted out lead vocals on "I Hope You Dance" ... something places again. Linda's beguiling voice covered "Stormy Weather" quite nicely with the help of Jenny on the ivories. Joining the others on stage but song wickered 3 part harmony on "Down" by Canadian trio The Good Lovelies was Putzy Madronich.

Next, Christine Sider came up with her guitar and sang and played an original composition "Cravings" followed by Frenette's "Labour of Love"

both tunes resonating in amiable vocals and definitive guitar playing.

Lindsey Mills completed the first half of the Women's Open Mic Night with "Melissa Etheridge's "Baby You Can Sleep While I Drive" and Seals and Crofts' "Summer Breeze" caressing the lyrics with her warm, expressive vocals, complimented by her impassioned Ovation 12 string guitar.

After the networking break, the featured artist of the evening, Ali Fox, with microphone in hand, released her heart and soul for every tune she sang (Lindsey Mills accompanying her on both piano and 12 string Ovation guitar could only sweeten up an already honeyed voice). Coming from a Broadway back ground, Fox has been excited this past year as she has been out performing at different venues in the area.

Pink's "Glitter in the Air" the first number, showcased Ali's exhilarating vocal and cool stage presence...Heart's "Alone"... am at a loss for words... hard standing on the edge of the crowd comes to mind...Carly Simon's "You're So Vain" had a nice tight groove goin' on... Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah" gave us all goosebumps (decent harmonies flowed from the crowd on this favourite).

Next up the Mother's... Jan Ann's tribute to mothers parlayed to Ali's own mother Debbie whom she dedicated the song to as Lindsey stepped from the keyboard to her Ovation 12 string guitar, bringing this ballad to a higher level. Finishing up an incredible set, Ali gave us a beautiful rendition of Chantal Kreviazuk's "Feels Like Home" with Lindsey back chattering the keys.

Thank you to this evenings' sponsors... Debbie Downes of Sugarbaby Creations (debbie@sugarbabycan.com) for donating her handmade metal book marks for all the musicians who performed and jewellery for the featured artist... Mikki Roy of Welland ReMax Realty for her \$25 gift certificate from Wal-Mart (won by Twinnny Jayde) and Helen Nitransky (Owner)

and her son Bob Nitransky (Manager) of Central Music (www.centralmusic.com) for donating a microphone, cable and boom style mic stand (won by third music student Jenny Madronich...very fitting indeed!), Katie Histrop for her fine photographs (www.katiehistropphotography.ca) and to Lindsey Mills for her

tireless devotion and contributions to make this dream a reality.

Next Women's Open Mic Entertainment Night will be Friday, November 20. Performers sign up at 7 p.m. and the entertainment starts at 8 p.m. until 11 p.m. For more information go to: www.WomensMusicNetwork.ca.

## Exciting time for new council

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Finally, in late-January or early-February, we will meet to develop our Strategic Plan—a plan that will guide council and the town for the next four years and beyond. This is an exciting time to look forward to working with our new council to continue to improve our town.

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■ **LIBRARY:** Niagara College and four libraries are partners

WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Pelham Public Library staff cut the ribbon to officially launch the Evergreen circulation system. The new technology involves a partnership among Niagara College and public libraries in Pelham, Lincoln, Fort Erie and Niagara-on-the-Lake. It's the first such system in Ontario. From left are Mayor Dave Augustyn, Pelham library director Stephanie Stowe, manager of technology services Jo-Anne Teeuwisen, catalogue circulation technician Clare Irwin and library board chair Robert Winter.



## Evergreen launched at local libraries

WAYNE CAMPBELL  
PelhamNEWS Staff

Looking for a book could confuse you for a moment. The Pelham Public Library has changed its computerized catalogue, to Evergreen from the Dyntax Horizon system.

"It's all the same, you just have to search by format," said catalogue technician Clare Irwin. "It expands the searching capability." In other words, for the average user the new Evergreen system will mean less changes.

However, for a small library like Pelham, it is technically significant, said manager of technical services Jo-Anne Teeuwisen.

It means having a computer server based at Niagara College with the technical support that goes with it, she said.

Teeuwisen and Irwin drew special praise from board chair Robert Winter and library director Stephanie Stowe at the official ribbon cutting of the Evergreen system at the library last week.

Over the past few months, they spent many extra hours and Thanksgiving weekend building formats for the new system.

The Niagara Evergreen Consortium is a first for Ontario.

It's a partnership between Niagara College and public libraries in Pelham, Lincoln, Niagara-on-the-Lake and Fort Erie.

Niagara College holds each library's server and ensures the software system is delivered to each library, Stowe said.

"The cost savings from open-source software, Niagara College services, and support from all partners ensures long-term savings for you and assurance of great electronic services in the future," she said.

Winter said the partnership "is a result of technical services staff, managers, and library boards all willing to explore new boundaries in library service possibilities."

He praised deputy CEO Laura Kmety and the circulation staff "in ensuring essential tasks were done while we migrated to this system."

Mayor Dave Augustyn complimented the library for its continuing innovations in its service to the community.

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■ BUSINESS: Holiday party Dec. 3 and Dec. 4

# Christmas in Pelham promotes local shopping

WAYNE CAMPBELL  
PelhamNEWS Staff

For the fifth year the Pelham Business Association invites residents to start their Christmas shopping in town.

"Our big message for Christmas in Pelham is, Pelham is open for business in all its downtowns," said PBA president John Wink.

Stores, shops, restaurants and other retail outlets in Fonthill, Fenwick, Ridgewill and North Pelham will par-

ticipate in the two day celebration Friday, Dec. 3 and Saturday, Dec. 4.

School choirs, carollers and other entertainers will perform in stores, restaurants and on the streets. Santa Claus will set up at the Fonthill Bandsbell from 10 a.m. to noon.

Hayrides will circle Pelham Town Square.

Gayle Baltjes-Chataway, who is co-ordinating the program, said bandshell show was scaled back because you

**"We want the entire town to share in the sights and sounds of the holiday season.... We have so many unique shops, guaranteed to satisfy everyone on your Christmas list."**

*Gayle Baltjes-Chataway, Christmas in Pelham co-ordinator*

can't count on the weather while the amount of indoor entertainment increased.

"We want the entire town to share in sights and sounds of the holiday season," she said about the spirit of the event

which has drawn its largest number of participants.

"We have a great business community here who are generous in their support, we hope that people will reward their efforts by taking the

time to not only enjoy the music, sweet treats that many are offering, but also peruse the shops with their holiday and everyday shopping in mind," she said.

"We have so many unique shops, guaranteed to satisfy everyone on your Christmas list."

A special concern this year is construction on Pelham St. Christmas in Pelham is stressing stores are still open.

Wink, who manages the Meridian Credit Union,

pointed out parking is available behind many of the stores.

Store owners are co-operating with each other to accommodate shoppers.

Baltjes-Chataway said "these businesses are still very much open and looking forward to seeing you and we hope everyone will make the little extra effort to visit them."

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After the move to the new location, Deanna Wolke, Nancy's daughter, joined the business full-time. Nancy and Deanna have combined their talents and fashion sense to offer comfortable and casual styles that appeal to customers ages 30 years and up.

"We are particularly careful to stock only a few pieces of each item" explains Nancy, "You can never be too careful in a Small Town. Every woman prefers to look as unique as possible and no one wants to show up at a local event wearing the same item as their neighbour. We also carry a small selection of shoes to complement our clothing lines."

The mother-daughter collaboration has resulted in a fun boutique full of unique designer clothing and accessories. Butterflies features one of the largest selections of designer collection, Nic & Zoe, available in the Niagara Peninsula.

Recently, the pair expanded their business to include wardrobe consultation and personal shopping. They are now also offering Girl's Night Out packages for women who would like to participate in a personal fashion party with their friends at their store.

During Downtown construction the team at Butterflies asks local residents to please remember that their large rear parking lot can be accessed via the Fonthill Shopping Plaza. They are also offering a 13% in store discount to help entice consumers to come in and shop despite the temporary inconvenience of the Pelham St. revitalization project.



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## High Blood Pressure

There is some confusion when it comes to high blood pressure. Patients are unsure how high, is too high, and what medications they should be on to treat their high blood pressure.

Your blood pressure consists of two readings. The first number is called the systolic blood pressure. This refers to the pressure in your blood vessels when your heart muscle contracts. The second number is called the diastolic number and refers to the pressure in your vessels when the heart muscle relaxes. If your blood pressure is too high the blood is putting too much force on your arteries as it travels through your body. This high pressure damages the vessels, and can actually cause them to burst leading to a heart attack or stroke. For normal patients with no underlying conditions it is recommended that the systolic number be less than 140, and the diastolic be less than 90. Patients with diabetes or chronic kidney disease should aim for a pressure of less than 130/80.

Achieving optimal pressure can be a challenge for many people. Ideally weight loss and regular exercise are the best first steps to lowering your pressure. Avoiding alcohol caffeine and excessive salt intake can also help. Most of the time patients need to take medication to ensure optimal control.

There are several commonly used medications to help control blood pressure. Many patients need to be on more than one to achieve their target pressure. It is safe and often necessary to be on two or three blood pressure medications. In general patients are on medications from different classes, they all work in different ways. The idea is to attack the problem from different angles to achieve the end result. Some medications work on the kidneys and help to remove excess fluid. Others, work on your heart to slow it down, and still others work on your blood vessels making them less rigid allowing blood to flow through them more easily. Your physician must decide which medication is best for you but in general there are guidelines that can follow in selecting appropriate agents. Patients with diabetes for example should be on a medication called an ace inhibitor, which helps lower blood pressure and is also beneficial for the kidneys. Patients who have had a heart attack are often on a beta blocker which is beneficial for the heart.

Most blood pressure medications are well tolerated by patients with few side effects. However, if you are experiencing a problem with your medication it is worthwhile to talk to your physician as there are several options to choose from. Fifty percent of Canadians over 65 years old have high blood pressure. Untreated high blood pressure is a major risk factor for heart attack and stroke. It is important to have your blood pressure monitored. One of the best ways to do this is to have a home blood pressure monitor. Blood pressure readings from home improve blood pressure control. Often when patients visit their physician their pressure is falsely elevated due to nerves and emotions. Sometimes the opposite effect happens and their pressure is lower in the office. Patients who engage in taking their pressure at home are more involved in managing their own care and this leads to better outcomes for these patients.

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## Speaking the language of men

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Put it in the form of a question. He will not, in any conscious way, even hear the question words, which should always be "Could you....?"

This part of the sentence is not included in the word count. It registers only as a kind of vaguely soothing music, like ocean waves caressing the shore.

It's just something that makes him feel that all is well in his little world, and that he should do whatever he can to keep it that way.

The word "please," contrary to the beliefs put forward in the etiquette books, is optional. Men are delicate creatures. All that matters is the tone of voice, and the (gentle) words "Could you...?"

It is unfortunate that the actual request will almost certainly require more words than he is capable of absorbing.

For instance, "Arnie," (attention getter) "Could you...?" (soother) "take the garbage out?" (request itself - concise, but still twice what he can fully process; nevertheless, 50% chance of success already).

Okay, here comes the critical moment where so many wives lose the momentum. Women have a tendency to want to explain: "Could you take the garbage out BECAUSE the truck will be here in an hour and you always forget, and then we'll have to put the garbage bag into the garage and...."

A huge misstep has taken place here.

Not only has the original request been diluted out of existence, but the word "because" has triggered a shut-down mechanism in the husband, whose autonomic nervous system has become attuned to the concept that the use of this word will inevitably be followed by way more additional words than he is capable of handling, and that do not concern him.

Just like flipping a master switch on a robot, you have shut the poor bugger down. And you were so close.

Step three has to be a new sentence, structured in a kindly request, accompanied with a smile that is in no way at all forced. It can, and, in fact, must, include several soothing

words, and it must always end with the three request words "....do it now?"

So "Could you do it now?" is not bad. It refocuses him on the task at hand.

But "Do you think you could do it now?" is much better. And "Do you think you could do it now, sweetheart" is the way to go. This makes him feel secure and happy. And it makes him believe that he's making some kind of conscious choice. He will now try like hell to remember what that choice was. You now have a 90% chance of success.

And if he still wanders off and comes back to ask what it was you wanted, do not roll your eyes in dismay or disgust. He's only a man. He has a generic problem.

Simply go through the whole process once more. Or, more succinctly and even more effectively, give him a big hug and tell him, "It was the garbage, Honey."

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■ QUICK LOOK: 2012 BMW 6 series

# BMW concept 6 points to road car

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The BMW Concept 6 Series Coupe shown at the 2010



The BMW Concept 6 Series Coupe.

Paris Motor Show is a near production model of the car that will debut in 2011.

The concept carries over the premium-class four-seat interior configuration of the current road car, though most rear seating in this class is marginally acceptable, anyway.

In the display car, that included an all new two-tone interior aimed at the driver, as expected from BMW. Of note is the centre console that creates distinctive sections for driving and information with the shift lever set in piano-black surroundings, and the iDrive controller set more closely to the passenger's seat.

The 10.2 inch display for the iDrive multifunction system (nav, climate, radio and communications), sits atop the dash, capping off a centre stack that includes controls for the premium

sound system created by Bang & Olufsen specifically for the 6 Series.

Beyond the leather wrapped steering wheel (with the bright centering ring on top) lies BMW's head up display for drivers that is to look away from the road ahead to check speed and other important functions.

Outside, the car features full LED lighting (including the distinctive front "rings") for power savings and increased illumination. Adaptive headlight management (which automatically

dips the high beams as traffic approaches) keeps the light directed where the driver needs it and protects oncoming traffic from dazzle.

Like others in the segment, the presentation is of the long-hood/short deck body-style, slung low on wheels set at the corners. It's a design that's both sporty and elegant, as evidenced from competitors such as the Jaguar XK and Maserati GranTurismo.

No powertrain options were divulged but we expect it to start with the twin turbo 4.4 litre V8 used in the 2011

BMW 550, with the twin-turbo 3.0 litre inline-six arriving a year after (BMW tends to release new models in waves). Rumour also has an M6 farther down the road. Engine stop/start will address fuel consumption concerns. All engines are expected to be harnessed by the eight-speed sequentially shifted automatic.

No word yet on launch date and potential pricing, though we expect it to drop a bit if BMW follows its pricing structure as it did with the 5 Series.



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■ **SERVICE:** First business peer award goes to Fonthill Sobey's



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The Town of Pelham handed out volunteer and corporate recognition awards Wednesday. Holding their Peer Award Inukshuks are, front from left, Santa Cyprik, Todd Barber, Ron Kore, Barb Learn, Linda Ellsworth and Jean Neville; in back from left, Brian Lachapelle, Phil Blackmore, Lance Wiebe, Don Dixon, Lisa Gallant, George Kowalski and Harold Griffin.



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# Volunteer groups honour their peers with Inukshuks

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For the second year, they took home Inukshuks.

As part of its Shining Stars volunteer recognition ceremony, the Town of Pelham awarded custom-made-blown glass Inukshuk Peer Awards.

They went to individuals selected by volunteer organizations throughout the town. Some, such as Santa Cyprik of Pelham Communities in Bloom, until they were announced during the ceremony Wednesday at Lookout Point Golf Course.

The prizes were individually made by Bob Petrie of Bobbers Studio Glassworks in Pelham.

They had variations, George Kowalski and Harold Griffin, joint award winners for Pelham Cares, each received one with two Inukshuks to symbolize their longtime partnership.

Mayor Dave Augustyn, served as master of cer-

emonies, said the Inukshuk symbolizes the spirit of volunteerism.

If a single stone is removed it weakens and if more are removed it collapses.

"We are dependent on each other," he said.

"We thank you for your hard work and your vision."

He pointed out that all significant events in town depend on volunteers.

Similarly sports, service clubs and advisory bodies such as the library board are driven by volunteers.

"Each of you give of yourself without personal benefit to make our community a better place," he said.

MP Dean Allison similarly praised the volunteers.

"Without our our community would not be the place it is today."

Ray Dykstra, representing MPP Tim Hudak, called volunteers "the life blood of the community."

While this was the second year for the peer awards hon-

ouring individuals, it was the first year for the Corporate Peer Award.

Augustyn said it was designed to honor a business showed the spirit of volunteering.

Groups throughout the town were asked to nominate a business that demonstrated special attention to the community, he explained.

Ron Kore, the franchisee of the Fonthill Sobey's store is the first winner.

He is always there when people ask for something, Augustyn said pointing out that the grocery store had a display promoting Legion poppy sales that day.

Other individual peer award winners are: Fred Arbour, Fonthill Lions Club; Todd Barber, Pelham Business Association; Phil Blackmore, 1st North Pelham Scouts; Don Dixon, Phoenix Masonic Lodge; Linda Ellsworth, Pelham Art Festival; Bill Farion, Fenwick Lions Club; Lisa Gallant, Pelham Active Transportation Committee; Gord House, Canada Day Committee;

Brian Lachapelle, 613 Lincoln and Welland Army Cadet Corps; Barb Learn, Pelham Soccer Club; Jean Neville, Pelham Senior Citizens Association; and Lance Wiebe, Rotary Club of Fonthill.

Comedian Mark Matthews brought laughs and a serious message about volunteerism when he told a story of how his brother saved his life by donating a kidney.

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■ **FUNDRAISER:** Art by students among auction items

# Maple Crest school plans fifth gala

WAYNE CAMPBELL  
PelhamNEWS STAFF

A teacher shows a group of pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students pictures of paintings.

"Who did these paintings?" she asks the group seated on a carpet at Fonthill's Maple Crest Early School.

Emily Carr, Picasso, Van Goyen and Tommy Thomson, they answer as they see each picture.

Through November, the 40 students aged three to six at the Fonthill private school are studying art in preparation for the school's fifth annual

HeART Gala silent and live auction.

The auction and reception from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Nov. 26 at Peninsula Lakes Golf Course will involve 600 pieces of art including work of the students such as paintings, china, jewelry and children's furniture. Tickets are \$25.

Proceeds from the auctions and reception will go to Pelham Girls' Connecting Kids program and Maple Crest's music, science and French courses.

Director Shannon McNevin said the school usually raises

just over \$5,000 and splits it about 50-50 between a charity and the school.

Giving to the community through monthly projects is an important part of the Maple Crest teaching program.

"We explain to the children they won't be taking this art home. It's made to help others," she said. "They are pretty good about it and happy to help."

Maple Crest follows a Waldorf philosophy and curriculum which believes in developing the whole child.

Nevin said. It balances academics, the arts and character development.

Connecting Kids, a service by Pelham Girls to provide fees for low income children to participate in sports, arts or education programs, seemed a good charity to Maple Crest students to help, she said.

Tickets for the gala are available from the school on Pelham St. in downtown Fonthill or by calling 905-892-4865.

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Maple Crest Early School students Owen Major, left, Clair Bolus and William McNevin stand with some of the art they created for the school's fifth annual Heart Gala on Friday, Nov. 26.

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■ ART: Anne-Audet Giroux on display

# Chairs theme of Cafe On Main artist exhibit

WAYNE CAMPBELL  
PelhamNEWS Staff

Artist Anne-Audet Giroux has an affair with chairs.

"Chairs speak to me," said the featured artist at Fonhill's Cafe On Main. "They have a voice."

Giroux's exhibition is built around them. The paintings in either mixed media or oil touch on the beauty, style, design and use of them.

They include a six-painting series if individual chairs that blends with the colour of the cafe's wall.

Three others touch on the use of chairs as a place to sit and relax, or a way to

exercise or way to provide a family moment for her husband and granddaughter.

"A lot of my paintings have stories. There is a lot of nostalgia in my work," said Giroux, pointing to one of Muskoka chairs beside Lake St. Joseph.

Giroux has been involved with art since she was a child.

For 49 years as an educator, it played a big part of her life. She was visual arts consultant for the Niagara South Board of Education.

"I taught every grade from elementary school through to the end of high school," she said.

Then she worked with

post-secondary students at Niagara College.

Over the years, she saw curriculum changes around the importance of art in education.

"It swings back and forth," said the Welland artist.

However, the best art programs integrate "numeracy and literacy" into their instruction to show art contributes to the person and the community rather than stands apart, she explained.

"It can be the springboard to learning other subjects," she said.

Giroux's exhibition will continue at Cafe On Main's

Pelham St. location until the end of December. She is also displaying at Cafe On Main's Welland location on East Main St.

On Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 27 and Nov. 28, her exhibit will be part of the Artists Studio Tour.

Cafe On Main in Fonhill is one of 12 stops on the tour from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Giroux said Pelham has a strong arts organization through groups such as the Pelham Art Association.

"It's open to all artists showcasing those from Pelham and beyond," she said.

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Artist Anne-Audet Giroux stands beside her painting on display for the next two months in the Cafe On Main on Pelham St. in Fonhill. The exhibition is built around a theme celebrating the character of chairs, their styles and uses.



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■ **WATER:** Gala to introduce project

# New Niagara home will help drill Guatemalan wells

WAYNE CAMPBELL  
Pelham News Staff

PELHAM — The sale of a new upscale Niagara house will help the poorest of the poor in Central America to drink clean water.

At least, that's the goal of Build for Hope.

Wells of Hope, a Niagara-

base service organization that drills wells in Guatemala, plans a dinner and dance gala for Friday, Nov. 26, at Club Roma in St. Catharines.

The \$75 dinner will introduce Build for Hope, a project to construct a house in Nicaragua. The sale of that house will help pay for a \$1.3-million custom-made

Canadian drilling rig and truck, the charitable agency has taken to Guatemala.

The drill is designed to pierce the hard volcanic rocks of the Guatemalan mountains to a depth of 1,500 feet, said Ben Obdeyn, a Wells of Hope director.

It will draw clean water to supply thousands of people

now relying of impure water flowing in polluted streams and rivers.

The drill was built in Calgary and recently delivered to Guatemala. It's expected to go to work this February during a brief four-month period the local weather allows for such work.

Obdeyn, who is with Malbo Westside Construction Ltd., hopes to persuade other construction companies, developers and trades people to donate land, time, materials or money to build a "better than average" home in Nicaragua.

"We will sell it for the highest price possible and use the money to pay off the rig and truck," he said.

So far, he has the support of construction companies such as Malbo, Mountview and Hobbs by Hendrick. It will use the gala to layout plans and encourage more to participate.

Since 2005, Wells of Hope has drilled 12 wells that now serve more than 36,000 people.

"It's not just drilling the well," Obdeyn said. "You also

need infrastructure."

Piping is required to link homes and village to wells over rugged mountain landscapes of high cliffs and deep valleys.

The specially designed rig and truck to haul it are necessary because the source of water is too deep for standard drills available in Central America.

Wells of Hope has also built nine schools to provide learning for 1,000 children along with a medical centre and orphanages.

It set up a local industry to produce and install energy efficient, closed-in cooking stoves to replace open wood fires used by residents in their small homes.

It's basically a cooking stove with a chimney, explains Obdeyn.

"We try to meet the needs as we find them," he said. "We're serving the poorest of the poor."

The gala will include people committed to the construction.

At the moment, the group is looking for someone to donate a site for the house.

Ted van der Zalm, a St. Catharines teacher who created Wells of Hope, will speak at the gala explaining the house project and the general goals of the organization.

Since it began in 2005, it has developed a number of fund-raising projects including donations of jars of pennies by students to link Niagara children to those in Guatemala who need schools. It has collected backpacks filled with supplies to send to those schools.

Stoney Ridge winery has a Wells of Hope label of wine and donates \$3 from every bottle sold to the organization.

Entertainment for the gala will feature Ralph DeFazio and his band Introduction with singer Barbara Mantini.

Tickets are available from Ben and Rie Obdeyn 905-892-4721, Ron and Yvonne Hendricks 905-563-7681, Frank Memmes 905-833-0071, or Ted van der Zalm 905-330-9745.

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■ **CROSS-COUNTRY:** Megan Rempel leaves them in the woods

## Crossley runner wins OFSAA gold

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E.L. Crossley's Megan Rempel blew away the field to win the midge girls division at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations cross-country championships at Centennial Park in Etobicoke.

Rempel's time of 10:48 for three kilometres was 19 seconds faster than the second-place runner.

Other top 10 individual results by Niagara runners included A.N. Myer's Michelle Molodnyia, fourth in senior girls; Westlane's T.J. Kountourgiannis, eighth in junior boys; and Grimsby's Troy Smith, 10th in junior boys.

In the senior girls team event, Myer was fifth. Making up the team were Molodnyia, Rachel Cahill (40th), Skye Nagy (126th), Cassidy Kirk (143rd) and Ainsley Maves (190th).

In the junior girls team event, St. Winston Churchill was second. Churchill was 10th. Making up the team were



Megan Rempel won cross-country gold for E.L. Crossley at this year's OFSAA meet in Etobicoke.

(158th).

In the midge boys team event, Churchill was 10th. Making up the team were

Corey Gorbell (66th), Spencer Raby (68th), Andrew Nebel (79th), Matt Cormier (132nd) and Eric Ross (204th).

■ **TV CONTEST:** Crossley graduate

## Teacher aims to be head of the sportscasting class

JOHN VESSOYAN  
PelhamNEWS Staff

PELHAM — Brent Furney was in the midst of the biggest job interview of his life.

The Pelham native has advanced to the final of The Score Television Network's Gillette Drafted show, which is in search of Canada's next sportscaster.

Furney was in the final against Kacie Hollins of Calgary.

The winner, who was to be announced on Tuesday, will receive a one-year contract position at The Score and will be a Gillette spokesperson, also for a year.

The dollar amount of the deal has not been disclosed. Will Furney prevail over Hollins?

"I hope so, I really hope so," he said during an interview last week.

The 26-year-old man was a high school teacher in Ottawa before moving back home. He now works at Thundering Waters Golf Club.

Furney found out about the show and applied with an audition tape.

About 3,000 people

applied for the show and only 10 were selected to appear on TV.

Following numerous TV tests and challenges, it's now down to two in this reality program.

"It's kind of a random thing to do. It's something



Brent Furney

I wanted to pursue," he said. "Sports broadcasting would have been a great avenue to go to. I ultimately chose to pursue a

teaching career."

A former high school student at E.L. Crossley in Pelham, Furney had no experience in broadcasting until he appeared on the TV program.

However, his lack of experience hasn't stopped him from impressing the judges.

"I haven't taken the typical route there, so I bring this rough, outside the box approach to this," he explained.

"I wouldn't follow a certain pattern. I am pretty nervous in front of the camera, but on the other hand, I have this quirky sense of humour that resonates well and hopefully can make me somewhat relatable to the people watching at home, which is what it's about."

Furney spent five years at Brock, earning his bachelor of education and bachelor of physical education degrees while playing basketball on the Badgers men's varsity team.

He decided not to play basketball in his final year, which was the year the Badgers won the national championship.

Now he's hoping to claim the sportscasting championship of Canada.

"It's been pretty crazy," he said of the show. "After this I have all sorts of video footage of myself, win or lose, that I can use in the future."

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■ **HOCKEY:** West Lincoln and home

# Atom Gators split weekend action

For PelhamNEWS

The Pelham AutoPark Superstore Atom Gators met a tough opponent in West Lincoln #2 in a fast-paced game in Smithville.

The Gators found themselves down 3-0 at the end of the second period. But, the "never say die" Gators came on strong in the third, bringing in a goal by Jeremy

Pollard from Rowan McLellan and Noah Wouthuis early in the period.

Later, Nicholas Chambers found the net with the help of Taylor Montgomery and Wouthuis. Tristan Barnhart made some impressive moves between the pipes, and Gators showed solid teamwork throughout the game.

In addition to the point

getters, Tucker Inglis, Reid Murray & Ryan Moffat had strong games. In the end, the score was 4-2 for West Lincoln.

The cow bells were ringing in a high scoring game as the Gators next met Pelham team No. 4.

The Gators found themselves in a hole at the end of the 1st with their only goal coming from Reid Murray

with the assistance of Kayla Eggerter and Nicholas Chambers.

Chambers began the scoring for the Gators in the second period with the help of Rowan McLellan and Jeremy Pollard. Dean Durkin found the back of the net from Pollard to bring the score to 3-4 at the end of the second.

Once again, the Gators

found their best late in the game.

The team kept the pressure on and Nick Chambers took advantage and became a scoring machine, getting down a hat trick in the third. He was helped by Eggerter and Pollard for his first of the period, Pollard for the second, and Pollard and Noah Wouthuis for the third, game-winning, goal.

The 6-5 victory was a solid team effort with good defensive play from Taylor Montgomery, Dean Costes, Nicholas Yliodassiss and Noah Wouthuis, energy from forward Robbie Harper and some key saves from goalie, Tristan Barnhart. Game kudos go to Chambers and playmaker, Pollard who each added five points to their stats.

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## ■ RETURN: Fonthill resident back from Afghanistan

# Tearful arrival for Niagara soldier

PETER DOWNS  
 QMI Agency

ST. CATHARINES — Curtis Harley has more than half of his daughter's life to catch up on.

Granted, little Alice-Jean is only 14 months old, but that's still a lot of time for the Niagara soldier to recoup. Harley, 38, returned to Canada Saturday after serving a seven-month tour of duty in Afghanistan with 1st Battalion Royal Canadian Regiment.

The St. Catharines native is among several full-time soldiers and reservists from Niagara who are due to ship home from action in the war-ravaged country between now and Christmas.

Harley, a private with the rifle company, landed in Ottawa late Saturday and then travelled by bus with troops to Canadian Forces Base Petawawa, where he's stationed.

Harley's wife, Sarah, and their infant daughter were there to greet him.

"It was great," Harley said in a phone interview Sunday from Petawawa, describing the reunion. "I was in tears, especially seeing the baby."

Harley was to reunite with Sarah's elder children from a previous marriage — Isaac, 13, Aaron, 11, and Amelia, 9 — when he returned back to the family's home in Fonthill.

Harley said he couldn't

disclose much about what he did on a day-to-day basis in Afghanistan, where he was stationed in the Panjwayt district, southwest of Kandahar.

Harley joined the military relatively late in life, signing up at age 35.

Trained as a chef, he had gotten out of the culinary trade and was looking for something meaningful to do.

Though the couple stayed in touch through regular video calls, Sarah was thrilled to have her husband back on home soil.

"It was fantastic — one of the most amazing moments of my life, outside of actually giving birth to children," she said.

When Harley and the other Niagara soldiers return, they'll receive a warm welcome from the 56 Field Regiment Family Support Group.

The group has decorated the Lake Street Armoury — where the regiment shares quarters with the Lincoln and Welland Regiment — with yellow bows donated by nearby Diana's House of Flowers and a large "Welcome Home" sign.

"We just want to show them that we care," said Patricia Cooke, chairwoman of the support group.

The organization provides support and resources to relatives of soldiers with the regiment's branches in St. Catharines, Brantford and Simcoe.



BOB TYMCZYSZYN QMI Agency  
 Yellow ribbons hang from the windows of the Lake St. Armoury in St. Catharines as soldiers are making their return from Afghanistan.

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